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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

I, a below-named inventor, hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor. If only one name is listed below or an original, first and joint inventor, all other names are listed below or the inventors reside:

**INDEXING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEAREST NEIGHBOR SEARCHES IN HIGH DIMENSIONAL DATA SPACES**

The specification of which is attached hereto under the following line is checked:

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I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended or any amendment referred to above, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 5.1(d).

I claim priority foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119(e) or 365(d) or any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(d) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application(s):****Priority Not Claimed**

Number	Country	Date Filed/Year Filed
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**Provisional Application(s):**

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